

## Message Text

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INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8779

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: BBAK, SY  
SUBJ: BACKGROUND CHECK--STRONG IMPORT, WILLIAM BERNSTEIN  
COMPANY, BACCHUS INTERNATIONAL

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED SEPARATELY BY TWO SYRIAN BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN DOING BUSINESS WITH SUBJECT FIRMS WITH REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND CHECK AND BONA FIDES. FIRMS ARE: (A) STRONG IMPORTS CORPORATION, 1350 BROADWAY, SUITE 302, NEW YORK, N.Y. I.J. BITAR, TELEPHONE (212) 564-3782/3 TELEX 66138; (B) WILLIAM BERNSTEIN COMPANY, 15 PARK ROW, NEW YORK, N.Y. TELEPHONE (212) 233-5922, TELEX 222149; AND (C) BACCHUS INTERNATIONAL, 866 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK, N.Y. TELEPHONE (212) 751-5240, TELEX WUI 66266.

2. IN CASES OF FIRMS B AND C, WOULD APPRECIATE PARTICULARLY CLOSE CHECK. SYRIAN BUSINESSMAN IS INTERESTED IN ORDERING AUTOMOBILES FOR SARG TENDER. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT MANY MIDDLE EAST IMPORTERS HAVE HAD DISAPPOINTING EXPERIENCES WITH AUTOMOBILE DEALS WITH IMPORT/EXPORT HOUSES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST USDOC AND NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE PROVIDE AS MUCH BACKGROUND INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING CHECK OF CREDIT WORTHINESS.

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